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SUBJ: CCD. REQUEST BY SOVIET DEL THAT US AND SOVIETS

TABLE JOINTLY TEXT OF PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR

AGREEMENT (PNW)

REF: GENEVA 4349

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET DCM VORONTSOV ON AUGUST 16,

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ACDA ASST DIRECTOR LEONARD (JOINED IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION

BY ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE) NOTED THAT SOVIETS HAD TOLD US IN GENEVA THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO SEE AGREEMENT ON PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR (PNW) TABLED FOR RECORD IN CCD (GENEVA 4349). LEONARD SUGGESTED THAT IF ONE RECENT SUMMIT AGREEMENT--PNW--WAS TABLED, THEN THE OTHER--SALT PRINCIPLES--WHICH WAS CLEARLY AN IMPORTANT DISARMAMENT DOCUMENT, PROBABLY SHOULD ALSO BE TABLED.

2. VORONTSOV INDICATED AWARENESS OF ROSHCIN DEMARCHE TO MARTIN IN GENEVA BUT REACTED NEGATIVELY TO IDEA OF ADDING SALT DOCUMENT. HE ARGUED THAT PNW WAS COMPLETED, CLOSED MATTER ON WHICH IT WOULD NOT SEEM APPROPRIATE TO ANYONE TO OFFER SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS OR AMENDMENTS. SALT NEGOTIATIONS ON OTHER HAND WERE GOING FORWARD AND SOME CCD MEMBERS MIGHT WISH TO TELL US WHAT TO DO NEXT.

3. LEONARD AGREED THAT (AS MARTIN HAD NOTED) US HAD IN PAST GIVEN WEIGHT TO THIS CONSIDERATION, BUT WITH PASSAGE OF TIME THE BILATERAL CHARACTER AND PRIVACY OF SALT HAD BECOME FIRMLY ESTABLISHED. HE DOUBTED MANY US OFFICIALS FEARED TODAY THAT COMMENTS ON SALT MADE IN CCD OR ELSEWHERE COULD HAVE DISTURBING EFFECT ON PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS. IF WE TABLED ONLY PNW, THEN GARCIA ROBLES WOULD TABLE SALT DOCUMENT AND WE WOULD ONLY HAVE HIGHLIGHTED ISSUE AND PRODUCED BAD TONE INSTEAD OF ELICITING FAVORABLE COMMENTS.

4. VORONTSOV ACKNOWLEDGED POSSIBLE VALIDITY OF THIS VIEW AND WILL ADVISE US HERE (OR PERHAPS IN GENEVA) OF MOSCOW'S REACTION. HE DID NOT EXPLICITLY RAISE QUESTION OF ACCESSION OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO PNW AND AS INDICATED IMPLICITLY SEEMED TO ASSUME THIS WOULD NOT HAPPEN.

5. FOR GENEVA; WE WILL DRAFT BRIEF COVER NOTE FOR POSSIBLE USE BY USDEL IN COORDINATING WITH SOVDEL AND TABLING SUMMIT DOCUMENTS. YOU MAY ADVISE SOVDEL OF ABOVE CONVERSATION IF YOU WISH AND SHOULD REPORT IF THEY RECEIVE REACTION FROM MOSCOW. ROGERS

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